

Continuation Application of
Serial No. 09/495,390
Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to correct a typographical error and to indicate that co-pending United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/026,296, filed February 19, 1998, and entitled "Method for Treating a Sphincter," is now U.S. Patent No. 6,009,877.

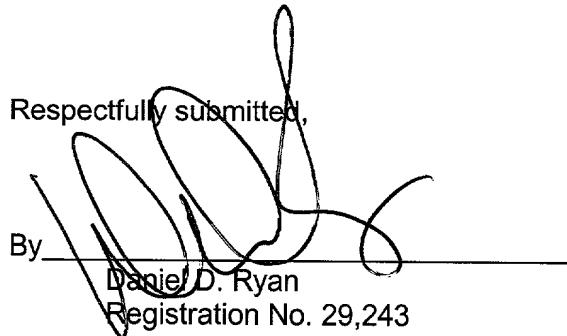
The Specification has also been amended to claim continuation status of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/495,390, filed January 31, 2000,

This continuation application is being entered for the purpose of adding an additional inventor to the inventors listed in the parent application. More particularly, inventor David Utley has been added.

The parent case will be expressly abandoned upon receiving the filing date and serial number for this continuation application.

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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